

A blade must be forged in fire.

Her home country was a nuclear wasteland. Her family's farm was torched to cinders. And her mother finally passes away after a life of suffering.

Cristal's only family is now Jake, her young uncle.

The two near-siblings leave their home in rural Mexico north to live with their distant and cruel great-uncle. But a chance encounter with the kind and secretive Esmé brings them into a new world of training, power, and a pair of stolen katana.

The Sisterhood of the Hidden Blade.

Cristal and Jake pour their sweat to uphold and honor the Sisterhood's code of bushido and to mete justice upon the murderers of the planet. And when tragedy befalls the Sisterhood, Cristal must take up their last blade.

Was Cristal's meeting with Esmé a chance encounter? Or a chance at the justice she had always longed for? Embark on an epic gunslinging, samurai-slashing adventure!

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